Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering October 9th to 15th, 2016, there were 569,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 4,200 from September 2016 and 10,800 less than the number employed in October 2015.

Agricultural employment was 39,200 persons in October 2016, down 4,500 from the September 2016 level and 4,900 less than the October 2015 agricultural employment level of 44,100. Non-agricultural employment was 530,000 persons in October 2016. This is an increase of 300 from the September 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 529,700 but 5,900 less than October 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2016 was 6.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the September 2016 rate of 5.9 percent and 1.2 percentage points higher than the October 2015 level of 4.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,700 to 605,800 persons in October 2016 from 609,500 persons in September 2016. This is 4,100 less than the October 2015 labour force of 609,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 69.5 percent in October 2016 from 70.0 percent in September 2016. The October 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.6 percent.

There were 36,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2016. This is an increase of 600 from September 2016 and 6,800 more than the number unemployed in October 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 566,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2016, down 2,400 from the September 2016 level of 569,300 and down 10,600 from the October 2015 employment level of 577,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2016 was 6.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the September 2016 rate of 6.8 percent and 1.2 percentage points higher than the October 2015 rate of 5.7 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 44,600 persons in October 2016 to 18,256,700 persons from 18,212,100 persons in September 2016. In October 2015, there were 18,094,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in October 2016 to 6.3 percent from the September 2016 level of 6.4 percent. In October 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in October 2016. This is remained unchanged from both September 2016 and October 2015 level of 7.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,482.2	19,455.5	19,318.0	26.7	164.2
Employed ('000)	18,256.7	18,212.1	18,094.3	44.6	162.4
Full-Time ('000)	14,637.0	14,757.8	14,608.9	-120.8	28.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,619.7	3,454.3	3,485.3	165.4	134.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,225.5	1,243.3	1,223.8	-17.8	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	6.3	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.6	65.8	0.0	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	605.8	609.5	609.9	-3.7	-4.1
Employed ('000)	569.2	573.4	580.0	-4.2	-10.8
Full-Time ('000)	467.0	474.1	476.9	-7.1	-9.9
Part-Time ('000)	102.2	99.3	103.1	2.9	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	36.7	36.1	29.9	0.6	6.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.9	4.9	0.2	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.9	6.8	5.7	0.1	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	70.0	70.6	-0.5	-1.1
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Labour Force ('000)	2,468.0	2,468.6	2,451.5	-0.6	16.5
Employed ('000)	2,282.4	2,282.2	2,303.3	0.2	-20.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,830.6	1,853.1	1,876.2	-22.5	-45.6
Part-Time ('000)	451.8	429.1	427.1	22.7	24.7
Unemployed ('000)	185.7	186.3	148.2	-0.6	37.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.5	6.0	0.0	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.5	8.5	6.6	0.0	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.5	72.7	-0.1	-0.3
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Labour Force ('000)	675.0	676.0	676.8	-1.0	-1.8
Employed ('000)	636.3	635.2	644.5	1.1	-8.2
Full-Time ('000)	505.6	510.7	520.4	-5.1	-14.8
Part-Time ('000)	130.7	124.5	124.1	6.2	6.6
Unemployed ('000)	38.7	40.9	32.2	-2.2	6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	6.1	4.8	-0.4	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	6.4	5.4	0.0	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	67.5	68.3	-0.2	-1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	605.8	609.5	609.9	-3.7	-4.1
Male	330.7	333.9	332.8	-3.2	-2.1
Female	275.1	275.6	277.1	-0.5	-2.0
15-24 Years of Age	86.3	89.5	90.7	-3.2	-4.4
25+ Years of age	519.6	520.0	519.2	-0.4	0.4
EMPLOYED ('000)	569.2	573.4	580.0	-4.2	-10.8
Male	308.1	313.5	315.4	-5.4	-7.3
Female	261.1	259.9	264.6	1.2	-3.5
15-24 Years of Age	76.8	78.4	81.2	-1.6	-4.4
25+ Years of age	492.4	495.0	498.8	-2.6	-6.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	36.7	36.1	29.9	0.6	6.8
Male	22.6	20.5	17.4	2.1	5.2
Female	14.1	15.6	12.5	-1.5	1.6
15-24 Years of Age	9.5	11.2	5.6	-1.7	3.9
25+ Years of age	27.2	24.9	12.6	2.3	14.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.1	5.9	4.9	0.2	1.2
Male	6.8	6.1	5.2	0.7	1.6
Female	5.1	5.7	4.5	-0.6	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	11.0	12.5	10.4	-1.5	0.6
25+ Years of age	5.2	4.8	3.9	0.4	1.3
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.5	70.0	70.6	-0.5	-1.1
Male	75.3	76.0	76.4	-0.7	-1.1
Female	63.7	63.8	64.7	-0.1	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	64.2	66.5	66.7	-2.3	-2.5
25+ Years of age	70.5	70.6	71.3	-0.1	-0.8

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.2	43.7	44.1	-4.5	-4.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.6	24.6	26.9	0.0	-2.3
Utilities	6.6	6.6	7.0	0.0	-0.4
Construction	51.7	53.4	59.4	-1.7	-7.7
Manufacturing	26.3	26.7	27.2	-0.4	-0.9
Trade	91.4	88.5	84.7	2.9	6.7
Transportation and Warehousing	28.5	28.0	29.1	0.5	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.1	27.3	30.7	-1.2	-4.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	29.0	29.0	26.2	0.0	2.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.3	12.8	13.9	0.5	-0.6
Educational Services	43.7	41.1	42.7	2.6	1.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.2	79.1	78.0	0.1	1.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.7	19.7	20.2	0.0	-0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	37.3	37.8	37.7	-0.5	-0.4
Other Services	22.7	24.2	24.7	-1.5	-2.0
Public Administration	30.0	30.9	27.6	-0.9	2.4
Total	569.2	573.4	580	-4.2	-10.8
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	467.0	474.1	476.9	-7.1	-9.9
Part-Time	102.2	99.3	103.1	2.9	-0.9
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	467.6	472.5	472.3	-4.9	-4.7
Public Sector	142.6	140.9	135.4	1.7	7.2
Private Sector	325.0	331.6	336.8	-6.6	-11.8
Self-Employed	101.5	100.9	107.7	0.6	-6.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,256.7	18,212.1	18,094.3	44.6	162.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	230.9	240.0	237.1	-9.1	-6.2
Prince Edward Island	72.8	74.1	75.6	-1.3	-2.8
Nova Scotia	450.4	450.3	456.6	0.1	-6.2
New Brunswick	356.8	363.5	358.4	-6.7	-1.6
Quebec	4,203.9	4,208.1	4,128.3	-4.2	75.6
Ontario	7,041.4	6,989.5	6,955.2	51.9	86.2
Manitoba	636.3	635.2	644.5	1.1	-8.2
Saskatchewan	569.2	573.4	580.0	-4.2	-10.8
Alberta	2,282.4	2,282.2	2,303.3	0.2	-20.9
British Columbia	2,412.7	2,395.9	2,355.1	16.8	57.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.3	6.4	6.3	-0.1	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.3	11.7	11.6	1.6	1.7
Prince Edward Island	9.7	8.1	8.3	1.6	1.4
Nova Scotia	6.8	7.0	6.9	-0.2	-0.1
New Brunswick	8.4	7.6	7.7	0.8	0.7
Quebec	6.0	6.1	6.8	-0.1	-0.8
Ontario	5.8	6.3	6.2	-0.5	-0.4
Manitoba	5.7	6.1	4.8	-0.4	0.9
Saskatchewan	6.1	5.9	4.9	0.2	1.2
Alberta	7.5	7.5	6.0	0.0	1.5
British Columbia	5.8	5.5	6.0	0.3	-0.2

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,160.6	18,116.7	18,021.0	43.9	139.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.1	234.7	235.2	-5.6	-6.1
Prince Edward Island	71.2	71.4	74.3	-0.2	-3.1
Nova Scotia	444.3	443.4	450.8	0.9	-6.5
New Brunswick	353.8	356.0	355.9	-2.2	-2.1
Quebec	4,170.2	4,167.0	4,100.4	3.2	69.8
Ontario	7,018.7	6,993.3	6,941.6	25.4	77.1
Manitoba	632.7	631.8	641.2	0.9	-8.5
Saskatchewan	566.9	569.3	577.5	-2.4	-10.6
Alberta	2,273.2	2,264.2	2,299.4	9.0	-26.2
British Columbia	2,400.4	2,385.5	2,344.8	14.9	55.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.9	13.6	13.2	1.3	1.7
Prince Edward Island	11.7	10.8	9.9	0.9	1.8
Nova Scotia	7.6	8.1	7.8	-0.5	-0.2
New Brunswick	10.0	9.3	9.0	0.7	1.0
Quebec	6.8	6.9	7.6	-0.1	-0.8
Ontario	6.4	6.6	6.8	-0.2	-0.4
Manitoba	6.4	6.4	5.4	0.0	1.0
Saskatchewan	6.9	6.8	5.7	0.1	1.2
Alberta	8.5	8.5	6.6	0.0	1.9
British Columbia	6.2	5.7	6.4	0.5	-0.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.1	7.4	6.4	0.7	1.7
Halifax	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Saint John	7.2	7.7	7.3	-0.5	-0.1
Quebec	4.3	4.8	4.6	-0.5	-0.3
Montreal	7.1	7.8	8.5	-0.7	-1.4
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.3	6.8	6.4	-0.5	-0.1
Toronto	7.3	7.6	7.3	-0.3	0.0
Greater Sudbury	7.4	7.6	7.1	-0.2	0.3
Winnipeg	7.0	7.4	5.8	-0.4	1.2
Regina	5.1	5.2	4.1	-0.1	1.0
Saskatoon	7.1	7.0	6.0	0.1	1.1
Calgary	10.2	9.8	6.7	0.4	3.5
Edmonton	6.9	8.1	6.0	-1.2	0.9
Vancouver	5.2	5.3	6.0	-0.1	-0.8
Victoria	5.0	4.6	6.4	0.4	-1.4
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	184.5	185.0	185.4	-0.5	-0.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.6	53.3	52.7	0.3	0.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	198.4	199.4	202.4	-1.0	-4.0
Yorkton-Melville	37.3	37.4	38.3	-0.1	-1.0
Prince Albert & Northern	98.7	99.6	100.7	-0.9	-2.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	611.1	614.2	611.0	-3.1	0.1
Employed ('000)	572.8	575.2	580.4	-2.4	-7.6
Unemployed ('000)	38.3	39.0	30.6	-0.7	7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.3	5.0	0.0	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.6	70.8	-0.4	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.8	66.1	67.2	-0.3	-1.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	556.8	559.6	560.4	-2.8	-3.6
Employed ('000)	526.0	528.5	536.5	-2.5	-10.5
Unemployed ('000)	30.8	31.1	23.9	-0.3	6.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.5	4.3	0.0	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	71.0	71.3	-0.3	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	67.1	68.3	-0.3	-1.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	54.3	54.6	50.6	-0.3	3.7
Employed ('000)	46.8	46.7	43.9	0.1	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	7.5	7.9	6.7	-0.4	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.8	14.5	13.3	-0.7	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	66.1	65.1	-0.8	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	56.3	56.5	56.5	-0.2	-0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	20.9	20.8	19.5	0.1	1.4
Employed ('000)	16.8	16.3	15.5	0.5	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	4.5	4.1	-0.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.7	21.7	20.8	-2.0	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	56.9	57.4	59.5	-0.5	-2.6
Employment Rate (%)	45.7	44.9	47.2	0.8	-1.5
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Labour Force ('000)	33.2	33.5	30.7	-0.3	2.5
Employed ('000)	29.9	30.1	28.0	-0.2	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	3.4	2.6	-0.1	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	10.1	8.6	0.0	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.0	73.0	69.1	-1.0	2.9
Employment Rate (%)	64.8	65.7	63.1	-0.9	1.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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